

## **Support during the time of loss and grief...**

Southminster is here to help you in the trying days following the death of your family member. Whether you have walked the journey of grief before or are experiencing close loss for the first time, every death is difficult. It is often a time of uncertainty, confusion and disbelief. These feelings are normal and we are here to listen and help you make needed arrangements.

One of our pastors will spend time with you in conversation and prayer, ascertaining how you would like to honor your loved one and what type of service you wish to have. Working in conjunction with the chosen funeral home, we recognize family preferences are important and will be honored in every way possible.

Likewise other arrangements will be made in conjunction with the service and we hope this summary helps with your decision making.

### ***Music***

The church organist will play for the funeral or memorial service at Southminster, or if unavailable, will find a replacement. We may be able to arrange for a soloist to sing a special hymn or song. If you have a specific selection of music you would like to use, please let the officiating pastor know as soon as possible.

### ***Flowers***

Flowers may be delivered to the church prior to the service. Please consider what you would like to have done with these flowers afterwards. You may leave some at the grave site, take others home, or leave a bouquet for worship to be acknowledged the following Sunday.

### ***Refreshments***

A bereavement committee member is available to discuss food options to follow your service. A light buffet luncheon or dessert buffet can be provided as a ministry of our church. Families are asked to estimate the number of guests expected.

- **Dessert Buffet:**  
A variety of cookies, brownies, coffee, tea, lemonade and water
- **Light luncheon buffet:**  
Salad, sandwiches (ham and turkey with cheese) , chips and dessert, coffee, tea, lemonade and water

### ***Fees***

No fees are charged by the church staff for any aspect of the funeral or memorial service. It is customary, however, to offer an honorarium to the Pastor and any musician.